A scheme called Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) which seeks to provide gainful employment to the unemployed and underemployed poor as per guidelines of the scheme, is under implementation since 1.12.1997.

A new scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) has been launched in December, 2001 to provide shelter/shelter upgradation to the slum dwellers living below poverty line including economically weaker sections. This scheme has a component for providing community toilet facility also to slum dwellers. The Central Government provides a subsidy to the projects of the State Governments to the extent of 50 per cent while the balance to be met by the State Governments either through loans from HUDCO or other agencies or contribution from any other source.

Appraisal study for restructuring of IDSMT Scheme

3077. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any appraisal study for restructuring the Integrated Development for Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has acknowledged that the scheme has not fufilled the objectives for which it had been launched; and

(d) if so, whether Government have plans to shelve the scheme and relaunch new scheme in its place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) This Ministry has entrusted evaluation study of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme to the Regional Centres of Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow, Mumbai and Hyderabad and they have been requested to complete the study by September, 2002.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.